



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH WINTER HAVEN

Tower Chimes

Week of October 8, 2017

Issue 640

131 Years of Ministry

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Mark your calendar and plan to join us on
Sunday, October 29 for our
Fifth Sunday First Pres Family Gathering

On this (and every fifth Sunday), we will have a single
worship service followed by a fellowship luncheon

At the Single 10:00 a.m. Worship Service you will be able to catch up with all your First Pres friends. The service that Sunday will feature a unique order of worship with elements from our other services such as: several **opening songs with our Praise Band, the Children's Singers and Chimes, an anthem** presented by our Chancel Choir, Sermon, Time with Younger Disciples, prayers by our pastors, and a closing hymn accompanied on our pipe organ.

At 11:15 a.m., we hope to continue fellowship with our First Pres family and friends, with a Congregation-wide Fellowship Luncheon in McLeod Hall. **This Sunday's meal (chicken tetrazzini, green beans, rolls, and cake for dessert)** will be served family style at our round tables.

No reservations requested or required. (There will be plenty of food. Any leftovers will be used by our Senior High Youth for their Sunday night meal, our Middle School Youth for their Wednesday night meal, or our Saturday Soup Kitchen.)

Dr. Steve Negley will be the head cook for the October 29 Fifth Sunday Meal. If you want to join him in preparation (Saturday, October 28) or final cooking (Sunday, October 29) call him at 294-3121, or send him an email at snegley@firstpreswh.org to volunteer.

We hope you will join us for this great day of faith, friendship, and fellowship on October 29!



OPPORTUNITIES

Sunday, October 8

- 8:15 a.m. Chapel Worship
- 9:15 a.m. The Connection (MH)
- 9:30 a.m. Adult Sunday School
- 9:30 a.m. Heart of Worship (Sanctuary)
- 10:00 a.m. Children's Sunday School (CE)
- 11:00 a.m. Worship (Sanctuary)
- 5:30 p.m. HSYG (GC)

Monday, October 9

- 8:45 a.m. MOM (CE)
- 10:00 a.m. Lydia Circle (MH)

Tuesday, October 10

- 9:00 a.m. Staff Meeting (MCR)
- 12:00 p.m. Men's Lunch (MH)

Wednesday, October 11

- 8:45 a.m. MOM (CE)
- 10:45 a.m. Preschool Music (CE103)
- 12:00 p.m. Buildings & Grounds (MH)
- 3:00 p.m. Christ Kids (CE)
- 3:45 p.m. Christ Kids Bell Ringers (MS)
- 5:30 p.m. MSYG (GC)
- 6:00 p.m. Chancel Bells
- 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir (MS)

Thursday, October 12

- 1:15 p.m. Chapel Bells (MS)
- 6:30 p.m. Praise & Worship Band (Sanctuary)

Friday, October 13

- 8:45 a.m. MOM (CE)

Saturday, October 14

- 2:00 p.m. Soup Kitchen Prep (Kitchen)
- 4:00 p.m. Soup Kitchen (737)

Remember in Prayer

MEMBERS

Marie Able	Bryan Howard	Marilyn Schleifer
Roger Able	Camille Howe	Joyce Shirah
Maxie Adams	Jim Huff	Mary Alice & Emma Skipper
Kathy Andrews	Martha Johnson	Barbara A. Smith
Kathleen Avinger	Joey Johnston	Barbara H. Smith
Bill Brack	Peggy Kennedy	Nell Speer
Tom Brackett	Toni Krieger	Scott Strey
Henry Braun	Dena Lancashire	Carol Switalski
Carol Carter	Kathy Lockhart	Barbara Tackett
Helen Champlain	Spike Lucia	Jay Tackett
Tom Coffman	Larry Marshall	McKenzie Tackett
Gail Damkjer	Gladys Meier	Pam Tallent-Blackburn
Jana & Mike Easterling	Lynn Mincey	Carolyn Thompson
Jeanne Estes	Bev Morris	Shirley Turner
Bill Everhart	Joan Murphy	Jane Whitney
Margaret Goodman	Nancy Neale	Lee Wilkinson
Clyde Greene	Alison O'Neal	Judy Winfree
Frances Heath	Barbara Perkins	Retha Wright
Kay Hedden	Keith Ray	
Doris Hill	Barbara Roberts	
Ranell Hillman	Earle Roberts	

IN THE HOSPITAL: John Skipper

Relatives & Friends

Mike & Linda Bechtel	Marie Able's sister & brother-in-law
Reese Burdette	Dana Cole's cousin
Al Ellis	Jim Threlkel's friend
Raymond Fenstermaker	Gale & Gwen Waters' grandson
Donna Stuart-Jackson	Becky Everhart's friend
Pete Kent	Charley & Nancy Chilton's nephew
Matt Krchmar	Tom & Jeri Oldt's friend
Fred Meier	Sarah Rennie's father
Morgan Moats	Edna Mitchell's granddaughter
Kristy Turner	Rick & Pat Reass' daughter
John Waters	Gale & Gwen Waters' nephew
Marshall Wood	Jim & Ellie Threlkel's friend



Brenden Anderson	Eddie Gray
Christian Anderson	David Knowles
Karolina Crockett	John Marotti
Samuel Crockett	KaitLin Marotti-Pitts
Zach Drum	Ashton Pitts
Robert Ferguson	Shad Skinner
Stephanie Gillie	Drew Stapor



Congratulations to Jared & Chalsey Lockhart on the birth of their daughter, Scarlett Louise, born September 22, 2017. The proud grandparents are Bill & Kathy Lockhart.



Our Christian sympathy goes to Barbara Perkins on the death of her sister, Inez Woodlief, who died Sunday, September 24, 2017.

CHRIST KIDS SINGERS & RINGERS

We have a great start this year with our children's music program! The Christ Kids Ringers practice on Wednesdays from **3:45 - 4:15 p.m.** This year we have nine ringers! We will be playing the Prelude at the **11:00 a.m.** service on **Sunday, October 8.** This is right at the beginning of the service, so if the ringers families usually attend the 9:30 a.m. service we hope they will stay for the beginning of the 11:00 a.m. service so the children can share their talent in praise at this service.

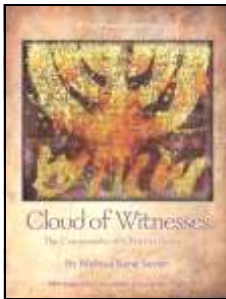
The Christ Kids Ringers will also play and sing with all the children for the first **"5th Sunday"** service on **October 29th at 10:00 a.m.**



CIRCLE MEETINGS HAVE RETURNED

Lydia Circle - **Second Monday, October 9 at 10 a.m.** in McLeod Hall

Joy Circle - **Third Tuesday, October 18 at 9:30 a.m.** at the home of Carol Carter

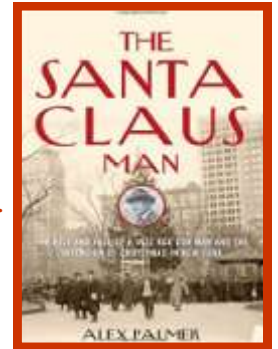


We will be using the PW Horizons Bible study titled: "*Cloud of Witnesses - The Community of Christ Hebrew*" written by Melissa Bane Sevier. In nine lessons, the author invites us to explore major themes found in Hebrews, relate these themes to other parts of our faith tradition, and tie them together with the overarching motif of community.

The study books are available for \$10. Contact either Carol Carter at 299-4253 or Sue McClew at 875-6176 for your copy.

START READING FOR OUR LAST OM, OM BOOK DISCUSSION CLUB OF 2017

You are invited to join us **November 20** as we examine *The Santa Claus Man* by Alex Palmer. A copy or copies should soon be available for check out in the library. Should you wish to order a copy you may contact Jonathan or Bethany Owen in the library.



We will meet in the back of McLeod Hall for this discussion and light refreshments.

Reservations are requested and can be made by calling the church office at 294-3121 or e-mailing at office@firstpreswh.org.

PLEASE JOIN US FOR OUR NEXT *F unT imers*

MONDAY, OCTOBER 16, 11 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Because of our late lunch time, we will gather in McLeod Hall for light snacks and a beverage before boarding the bus to travel to **Celebration Town Center** to sit by the lake or walk around it, visit the shops and have lunch in the **Town Tavern Seafood Restaurant.**

The only cost is for your lunch.



Please make your reservation by Wednesday, October 11 by calling the church office at 294-3121, e-mailing the church at office@firstpreswh.org, or filling out this tear-off and dropping in the offering plate.

Name: _____ # Attending: _____

STEPHEN MINISTERS ARE CARE-GIVERS, GOD IS THE CURE-GIVER

The role of a Stephen Minister is to give care. They listen, empathize, encourage, pray, and provide emotional and spiritual support on a weekly basis to hurting people for as long as the need persists. God works in and through them to bring hope and healing.

If you are feeling lonely, experiencing a crisis, struggling through a difficult time, or simply find yourself stressed by everyday life, **call Pat Reass at 206-9914. Or you can talk with one of our other Stephen Leaders: Alan Harvey, Mary Marrs, Steve Negley, Les O'Neal, Barbara Perkins, or Jean Strang** to learn more about Stephen Ministry. Our Stephen Ministers are ready to care for you!



ANGELS CARE CENTER OF ELOISE- Angel Collection Box Needs

There is an ongoing need for the following items to give out at the Angels Care Center. Please leave items in the Angel Collection Box in McLeod Hall. Thank YOU, and God Bless!!!



First Aid Kits: washcloths, band-aids, wet wipes, small soaps, small antibacterial soap, Q-tips, small packets of antibiotic ointment, etc.

Children's "Jesus Kits": coloring sheets with Biblical themes, crayons, scripture/song cards (simple and short for children), small books, stickers, etc.

Toiletry Kits: shampoo, soap, deodorant, razors, feminine products, combs, washcloths, hand gel, lotion, toothbrush and toothpaste, small samples from hotel/motels, etc.

Miscellaneous: zip lock bags (gallon, quart and snack size).

JOIN ONE OF OUR YOUTH GROUPS

If you are a middle or high school student, we would love for you to join us for youth group each week in our youth house, The Golden Center. **Middle School** meets each **Wednesday night from 5:30-7:30** and **High School** meets each **Sunday night from 5:30-7:30**. During this time we spend time together sharing meals, growing in Christ, playing games, and having LOTS of fun!

Once a month we meet outside the Golden Center to be the hands and feet of Jesus to help people in our community. We have laid sod for Habitat for Humanity, worked in our soup kitchen feeding the homeless, and bagged countless lunches for our bag lunch ministry. These are just a few ways we are the hands and feet of Jesus.

Sometimes we get together simply to have fun. We have been to the corn maze in the dark, Fun Spot, pool parties, camp outs, paint balling, and so much more. Upcoming events being planned are: a Chain of Lakes canoe cookout and Ice Skating. If you are looking to connect with young people your age while developing a deep relationship with Christ, come and join us. We would love to have you!



Worship (and more) on the Lord's Day at First Pres



8:15 a.m. Chapel Worship

A traditional worship service is held in our chapel. The service follows the same order as the 11:00 a.m. worship, does not have a Chancel Choir. Musical ensembles offer special music on many Sundays. A Time with Younger Disciples is included when we have children in attendance.

9:30 - 10:25 a.m. Heart of Worship

A Praise and Worship service is held in our sanctuary. Along with scripture, sermon, and prayers, a praise band helps the congregation in adoring and showing reverence to God. Following the Time with Younger Disciples, children are invited to join Ms. Lynn in music and then to join in their own Children's Sunday School Classes.

11:00 a.m. Sanctuary Worship

A traditional worship service is held in our sanctuary. The service follows the same order as the 8:15 a.m. Chapel Service, and includes music from the Chancel Choir and the organ, as well as other instruments and groups.

DON'T MISS THE CONNECTION 9:15—10:45 A.M.

Fellowship time in McLeod Hall offers a coffee bar type selection with different flavored creamers, pastries, etc. It is a gathering place before (or after) worship, and between worship and Sunday School for some.

Hosts circulate in McLeod Hall and the CE Building to greet and assist people in making connections with others in one of the worship or Christian Education options.



SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR ALL AGES

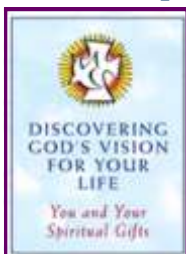


For Kids: We are getting to know some amazing Bible characters this fall: Hannah, Samuel, Saul, David, and Solomon. Short videos, music, art, and Bible activities will keep the kids coming back for more!

If your family attends the 9:30 a.m. service, kids age 4 and older worship with their families for the first part of the service. After the "Time with Younger Disciples," age 4 through grade 5 may be dismissed to the Christian Education building for music and classes until 10:45 a.m.

If your family attends the 11:00 a.m. service, come to the CE Building for music and classes from 10:00 until 10:45 a.m.

For Adults: Who is the real Jesus? How can we experience the mystery, complexity, and richness of his spirituality and teachings in our lives today? *Living Jesus: Learning the Heart of the Gospel* by Luke Timothy Johnson elucidates the mystery of Jesus' resurrection and its central role in the Christian experience. It explores the diversity and fullness of the New Testament views of Christ, revealing how each book's perspective can deepen our understanding of Jesus. Profoundly insightful, *Living Jesus* offers valuable lessons on how we can accept the Gospels' powerful invitation to an authentic Christian spirituality. Join us in the Geneva Room from **9:30 until 10:30 a.m.**



Also for Adults: To whom are spiritual gifts given? What is the purpose of spiritual gifts? How can I be sure which particular spiritual gifts I have? What does the Bible say about each of the spiritual gifts? These questions are some of the ones discussed by a new 8 week Sunday School Class. Join us **THIS Sunday, at 9:30 a.m.** in Room 207 of the Educational Building. There is a fee of \$12 to cover the cost of the book.

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Our Purpose Statement

As a congregation of the Presbyterian Church (USA), First Presbyterian Church of Winter Haven exists to show God's kingdom to the world as we...

Share the good news of what God has done in Jesus Christ

Develop and nurture God's children into disciples

Provide a place and a program for praising God

Live our lives according to the Word, guided by the Spirit

Commit to justice for all God's people.

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Bag Lunch Ministry

We gave out 258 bag lunches
the week of 9/25/17.

We gave out 996 bag lunches
in September, 2017.

Return Service Requested

Soup Kitchen Ministry

We fed 87 people on 9/30/17.

We fed 374 in September, 2017.

OCTOBER IS HERE! GET READY FOR FALL FEST!

Wednesday, October 25 from 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. in McLeod Hall

Family-friendly supper (pizza), games, and costumes (non-scary, please) are fun for all! Invite friends & neighbors.

Donations are accepted. Prizes, Crafts, Candy, Bible Trivia, and more Candy!

Enjoy the evening with your church family!!

How can I help?

- Bring individually wrapped candy or small prizes by **Monday, October 23** to the church office or McLeod Hall.
- Join the high school youth for set-up on Sunday evening, **October 22**.
- Set-up and decoration will continue on **Wednesday, October 25 at 9 a.m.**
- Assist with pizza supper, a game booth, or just come enjoy the fun!

Questions? E-mail Evelyn McMullen: dce@firstpreswh.org.

Please RSVP for pizza dinner by calling the church office at 294-3121 or filling out the form and putting it in the offering place.

Name: _____

Attending: _____

